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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 5201

FOR A/SY/T/SP

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: VEHICLE ARMORING PROGRAM

REF: A. GUATEMALA 4964 B. STATE 203414 C. STATE 167809 (12/8/74)

1. PARA 1, REFTEL BE, STATES POST IS RECEIVING DUE CONSIDERATION FOR FULLY ARMORED CAR REPLACEMENT FOR DCM VEHICLE. HOWEVER, PARA 2 REFTEL C STATED FOLLOWING: "SY/FO ANTICIPATES REPLACING PRESENT VEHICLE WITH ONE HAVING GREATER PROTECTIVE CAPABILITY. THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS ARE NOW BEING WORKD OUT TO HAVE THE VEHICLE BROUGHT UP TO STANDARD. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE REPLACEMENT VEHICLE WILL BE AT POST BY THE END OF THIS YEAR." ON BASIS OF REFTEL C, POST HAD ASSUMED A REPLACEMENT ARMORED CAR WAS ALREADY SCHEDULED.
2. CONTINUED, PROLONGED USE OF DCM VEHICLE WITH ITS FRONT WIND-SHIELD CRACKED IN TWO PLACES AND ITS SIDE AND REAR WINDOWS WHICH ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY DISCOLORED AND OPAGUE, WILL ONLY SERVE TO FURTHER IMPAIR DEGREE OF SECURITY AND VEHICLE SAFETY AFFORDED DCM.
3. REQUEST PRECEDING INFO BE WEIGHED IN YOUR CONSIDERATION.
4. TIRES OF 3 ARMORED CARS AND 1 PARTIALLY ARMORED CAR ARE WEARING OUT. PLS. SEND 20 REPLACEMENT TIRES, MODEL HR 70-15, STEEL BELTED.
5. PLS. ADVISE STATUS OF SAFETY LINERS AND SUNSCREEN (REFTEL A).

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